

# MAYOR'S update



## A Personal Message from Mayor Bonnie Crombie

**The 2017 Budget is a solid financial plan for our thriving community that paves the way for Mississauga's promising future. We heard from residents about their funding priorities, and together, we put forward a fiscally-responsible plan that invests in local priorities including building infrastructure, expanding public transit and delivering quality services.**

To achieve our Budget 2017 city-building investment goals, the total increase in Mississauga's residential property tax will be 2.9 per cent. The increase includes 1.9 per cent for City services and 1.0 per cent for the Region of Peel.

We have realized \$4.1 million in cost savings, which is equivalent to reducing the City tax levy by 0.9 per cent. We are investing our limited resources wisely on improvements for transit, infrastructure and technology.

Mississauga continues to maintain its strong financial reputation with our Triple-A Credit Rating. This gives job-creators the confidence to grow, expand, and succeed here at home. It further allows us to leverage the work we are undertaking to attract new foreign-direct investments with the Mississauga International Partnership Program Committee (MIPP).

Council also reaffirmed its commitment to invest \$10 million toward developing the University of Toronto Mississauga's (UTM) Innovation Complex. UTM injects over \$1.3 billion annually into Mississauga and Peel Region. Investing in education is city-building.

Finally, Budget 2017 ensures important neighbourhood investments are completed including improving transit services, expanding the library collections and enhancing programs and services for our older adult community. This is in addition to the services residents expect including fire and emergency services, winter road maintenance, libraries, recreation programs and parks and forestry, among many others.

As we move forward with Budget 2017, I also want to thank residents for taking part in our City-wide engagement efforts. Last November, the City of Mississauga hosted Telephone Town Halls. Thousands of residents from across our city called in and joined us. We heard tremendous feedback, ideas and solutions.

For those who were unable to ask a question or be part of the discussion, our conversation did not end there. Residents were encouraged to email their questions or comments to a dedicated email account: [budget@mississauga.ca](mailto:budget@mississauga.ca).

Our Budget Allocator is an online tool which allows people to more thoroughly identify their budget priorities. Residents were also encouraged to attend Council and Budget Committee meetings in person. Meetings were broadcasted live.

**“We have realized \$4.1 million in cost savings, which is equivalent to reducing the City tax levy by 0.9 per cent. We are investing our limited resources wisely on improvements for transit, infrastructure and technology.”**

Once again, Budget 2017 is a solid financial blueprint that will deliver real, important and lasting results for Mississauga residents and businesses. I look forward to hearing from you later this year as we develop the 2018 Budget.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie Crombie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Bonnie Crombie, MBA, ICD.D.  
Mayor of Mississauga**

## Moving Forward with the Hurontario LRT:

In April 2015, the Provincial government announced that the Hurontario Light Rail Transit (LRT) would receive full funding now amounting to \$1.4 billion dollars - the largest infrastructure investment in Mississauga's history.

Mississauga has already funded \$15.4 million toward planning studies, an environmental assessment and preliminary design work. Our 2015-2024 capital plan includes a total of \$25 million for land acquisition.

This will connect GO Train Stations from Port Credit to Cooksville. It will run through City Centre and unleash the potential of our downtown core, allowing us to get on with our Downtown 21 plan.

The Hurontario LRT will result in a more seamless travel experience for students to get to class at Sheridan College; enjoy a community festival at Celebration Square; take in a memorable performance at the Living Arts Centre; and shop for premium brands. The Hurontario LRT will also be connected to Mississauga's MiWay Bus Rapid Transit System and Square One GO Bus Terminal - the second busiest bus hub in the regional transit system.

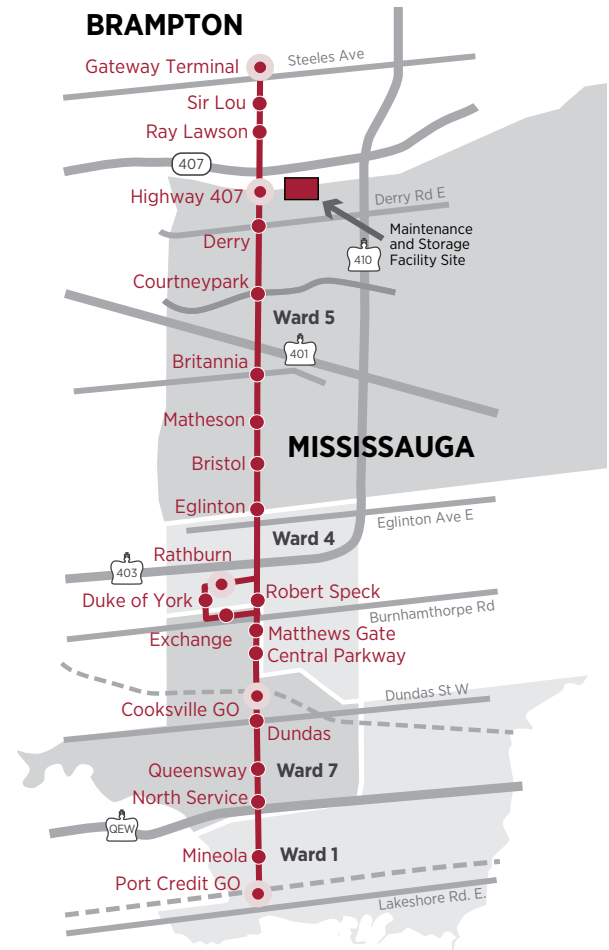
As the City of Mississauga works with Metrolinx to ensure the successful construction of the LRT, Council and staff are committed to using proven best practices implemented by other major cities and regional governments. This includes recent site reviews of the transit systems in Waterloo Region and Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota.

## Building and Expanding the Mississauga Transitway and Improving the Flow of Traffic

In 2017, Mississauga residents will see 56,000 more transit service hours, completion of the Mississauga Transitway with four more stations opening in 2017, along with road, traffic and other infrastructure improvements.

Mississauga is implementing a responsive state-of-the-art Advanced Transportation Management System (ATMS) to manage traffic on its road network. We are investing in the future by building a more reliable traffic control system. It will allow us to deal with the increasing traffic volumes and congestion on our roads. ATMS will enable us to actively monitor travel conditions, influence the operation of traffic signals, disseminate information and interact with other transportation modes and agencies through the use of hybrid technologies and networks.

The total cost of the project is \$16.2 million and implementation is expected to be completed by the end of 2020. The City is working closely with the Region of Peel and the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) as they have traffic lights in the City.



## Stormwater Infrastructure Crucial to City-Building:



The City of Mississauga's stormwater charge was first introduced in 2016.

The stormwater charge is a dedicated source of funding that directly supports the City of Mississauga's stormwater management program. It helps reduce potential risks to you, your property and the environment. The funds from the stormwater charge are used to invest more money in our stormwater system to keep it in good working order and

**“The stormwater charge is a dedicated source of funding that directly supports the City of Mississauga's stormwater management program. It helps reduce potential risks to you, your property and the environment.”**

---

to avoid costly repairs in the future. The funds cannot be used for other services and programs as stated in the Stormwater Fees and Charges By-law.

Daily and annual estimates of the stormwater charge for properties are available at [www.stormwatercharge.ca](http://www.stormwatercharge.ca). For example, a home in the medium category would pay \$100 annually or approximately 27 cents daily.

Visit the stormwater charge site [stormwatercharge.ca](http://stormwatercharge.ca), to find your stormwater charge estimate and to learn more about the City's stormwater management program.

---

## Securing Provincial and Federal Funding for Mississauga Priorities:

Securing funding from the Provincial and Federal government will allow the City of Mississauga to move forward with funding its budget priorities.

The City of Mississauga formally provided pre-budget submissions to the Provincial and Federal governments that highlighted priorities like Mississauga's efforts to bring all-day two-way GO Train service to the Milton and Kitchener GO Train lines with the Missing Link Plan.

Mississauga brought together the municipalities of Toronto, Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo and Milton to get our communities moving.

We initiated the Missing Link business case study to build a new rail route that will connect the CP Line, just west of Trafalgar, with the already existing CN Line that runs through Brampton.

This new line will finally make way for all-day, two-way, GO Train service on both routes. It will reinvigorate our transit hubs. A project of this magnitude also has national and international implications. This line is critical to Canada's economy. It is a Continental Gateway, allowing for the movement of large amounts of goods to and from the central Canadian market.

---

## Maintaining Triple-A Credit Rating, Attracting and Retaining Foreign-Direct Investment

The City of Mississauga's commitment to finding savings, showing discipline with taxpayers' money, and strategically investing to help our city grow, have also ensured Mississauga maintains its Triple-A credit rating.

What does that mean and why is it important for our local economy? A Triple-A credit rating means Mississauga

---

enjoys a strong financial reputation. It gives businesses and entrepreneurs - from across Canada and around the world - the confidence to invest, expand service offerings, create jobs and achieve success right here in Mississauga.

**“What does that mean and why is it important for our local economy? A Triple-A credit rating means Mississauga enjoys a strong financial reputation. It gives businesses and entrepreneurs - from across Canada and around the world - the confidence to invest, expand service offerings create jobs and achieve success right here in Mississauga.”**

Mississauga's Triple-A credit rating is an important part of the message shared during City of Mississauga Economic Development Office Investment Missions. The Economic Development Office continues to lead the City's participation at the annual BIO International Convention - the largest life-sciences conference in the world. Mississauga is the second largest life sciences cluster in Canada by employment. Our “Pill Hill” community is a thriving hub of global life science businesses. We are currently home to more than 430 life science companies that employ more than 22,000 people.

As part of our investment efforts, I am proud to announce that a pharmaceutical company chose Mississauga as home for its new research and development centre. This will be a state-of-the-art facility that will create high-paying and high-value jobs, many in research and development. This investment will add to our local tax base, providing important funding that will go toward the quality public services we all rely on including reputable community services, a safe and clean environment, and accessible transit.

**“As part of our investment efforts, I am proud to announce that a pharmaceutical company chose Mississauga as home for its new research and development centre. This will be a state-of-the-art facility that will create high-paying and high-value jobs, many in research and development.”**

# Investing in Post-Secondary Education, Developing Innovative Ideas:

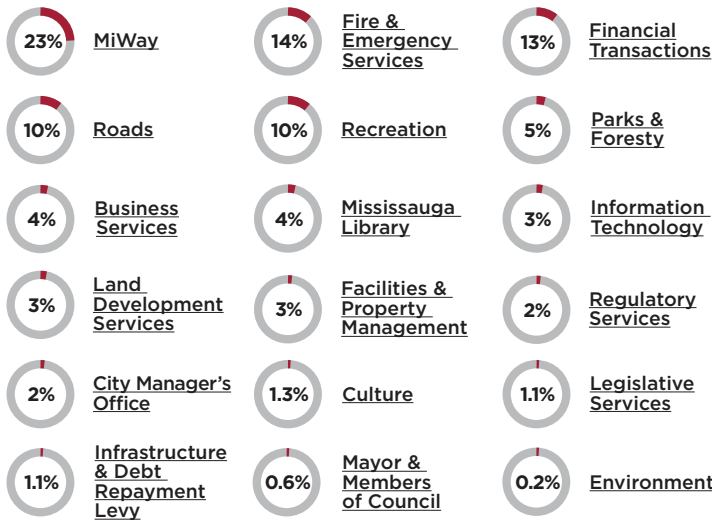
During Budget 2017, Council reaffirmed its commitment to invest \$10 million toward developing the University of Toronto at Mississauga's (UTM) new Innovation Complex. UTM injects over \$1.3 billion annually into Peel Region. It is a world-class institution - home to accomplished thought leaders - and dedicated, hardworking, and ambitious students. UTM is the nucleus for ideas, innovation, and excellence.

As Mississauga has grown from farm fields and fruit trees, into Canada's sixth-largest city, so has UTM over the past 50 years. As we look toward to the future, Mississauga is excited about the ground-breaking research led by Dr. Patrick Gunning and the new Centre for Medicinal Chemistry. With the formation of this new and innovative institution, UTM continues to assert its own identity and reputation for research excellence. Students from around the world are choosing UTM to study, learn and launch rewarding careers. Many of these same students then choose to call Mississauga home. UTM's rapid growth is proof that our unprecedented 10 year - \$10 million grant - to build the Innovation Complex is working.

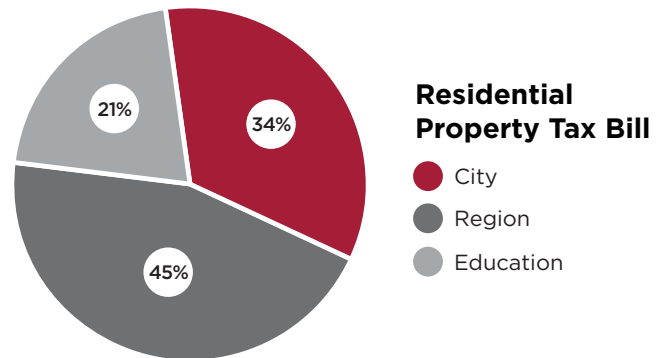
## Highlights of the 2017 Business Plan and Budget:

- continuing the MiWay service growth and adding 45,000 service hours
- completing the Mississauga Transitway and adding 11,000 service hours
- continuing implementation of the Advanced Transportation Management System to mitigate traffic congestion
- enhancing sidewalk maintenance to eliminate the City's repair backlog
- relocating the Square One Older Adult Centre to continue service to Mississauga's older adults
- increasing support to culture groups and local artists to provide better services that reach more people
- expanding year-round programming and enhancing winter events at Celebration Square to attract tourism and continue vibrancy in the downtown through the winter
- improving the Library's collection to support the City's population growth

### Where are my tax dollars spent?



The City only gets 1/3 of every property tax dollar collected.



### For more information, please contact Mayor Bonnie Crombie:

Mayor Bonnie Crombie  
Office of the Mayor  
City of Mississauga  
[mayorcrombie.ca](http://mayorcrombie.ca)

300 City Centre Drive,  
Mississauga, Ontario L5B 3C1  
P: 905-896-5555  
F: 905-896-5879  
[mayor@mississauga.ca](mailto:mayor@mississauga.ca)

[@BonnieCrombie](https://twitter.com/BonnieCrombie)  
[facebook.com/bonniecrombie](https://facebook.com/bonniecrombie)  
[linkedin.com/in/bonnie-crombie-mba-icd-d-18849](https://linkedin.com/in/bonnie-crombie-mba-icd-d-18849)